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**Re:** U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/695,065; Filed: October 25, 2000  
**For:** Methods of Manipulating and Sequencing Nucleic Acid Molecules  
Using Transposition and Recombination

Inventors: BRASCH *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
3. Reply to Requirement for Election of Species; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

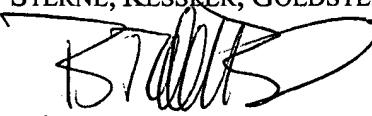
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